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WEATHER REPORT
Rain and warmer tonight. Tomorrow fair; colder by night; moderate south winds, shifting to west.

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SOLDIERS LEAVE JAN. 2

Alexandria Light Infantry Scheduled to Depart From Brownsville for Richmond Early Next Week.

Mr. C. C. Brawner, of this city, has received a dispatch from Sergeant Page Brawner, of the Alexandria Light Infantrry, announcing that the Alexandria company has received orders to move from Brownsville, Texas, on January 2d. for Richmond. The command will remain in Richmond several days. The members will be mustered out in that city.

To make sure that they will have the news while it is news rather than be compelled to wait several days for papers from their home state, the Virginia troops on the border have established a newspaper of their own. It is called the Border Virginian, and its first issue has just come from the press. Unfortunately for other troops on the border the paper probably will be short lived, for the Virginia boys expect to be back home within the next few weeks. Possibly, however, it will be continued by remaining militiamen.

Not yet a daily, the Border Virginian will content itself as a week'y. Its staff is as follows: Wise Worrell, first lieutenant and adjutant in the Second Virginia regiment, is editor-in-chief.

John Lyon, private in the Alexandria Light Infantry, who as news editor will have charge of assembling the news of all the commands and directly supervising the publication of the paper, is correspondent on the border of The Evening Journal an assistant editor of Forest and Stream of New York city. Edward F. Sheffey private in the Lynchburg Musketeers, news editor for the First Regiment, is an alumnus of the University of Virginia, Washington and Lee, William and Mary and Harvard.

Walter C. Anderson, buglar and signalman in the Radford company, is news editor for the Second Regiment, and will also supervise the mechanical make-up and publication of the paper. He was assistant editor of the Radford Record and Advance, and is an expert linotype operator and mechanic and practical printer. Joseph M. Hurt, jr., private in Company B of the Virginia Blues Cavalry squadron, will act as news editor for the provisional command.

SOLDIERS RECEIVE BOX

Sent by Alexandria Ladies Containing Christmas Gifts.

The committee of ladies who sent the Christmas box to the Alexandria Light Infantry, have received the following letter of acknowledgement:

We want to thank you for the splendid Christmas box which was so thoughtfully sent us. It arrived in good condition and will certainly help to make our Christmas on the border a merry one.

Other companies have grumbled that their towns had forgotten them since they have been away ,but not so with us, for we have been remembered, perhaps, more than any other company in the regiment.

Again thanking you and our townspeople,

I remain sincerely yours,
Dec. 23, 1916. Conrad Johnson.

AWARDED $6,000 DAMAGES

In Suit Against Southern Railway.

Mrs. Hannah Trumble, administratrix of the estate of her husband, Edward Trumble, the fireman who was killed in the wreck at Charlottesville in November, was given a verdict of $6,000 in the suit which she brought against the Southern Railway company for $10,000 in the Corporation court here yesterday afternoon. The case was docketed by consent, C. Keith Carlin appearing for Mrs. Trumble and Gardner L. Boothe representing the railway company.

Little Miss Virginia Wilkins will entertain a number of her friends tomorrow afternoon from 3 to 6 at an informal danse at he home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Maurice Wilkins in north Columbus street.

MERCHANT IS FINED $10

J. B. Clinedenst Alleges Alexandrian Caused Female Employees to Work Eleven Hours.

There was but one case before the Police Court this morning, that of a well-known firm of this city, which was charged by J. B. Clinedenst, of the State Labor Department, of compelling some of his female employees to work over ten hours during the Christmas season.

The case was called at ten o'clock at which time Mr. Clinedenst appeared, together with four young women he had cited to appear as witnesses.

The evidence showed that during three days of last week some of the young women had worked eleven hours.

Chapter 158 of the Code of the State of Virginia forbids the working of employees of any store in the commonwealth over eight hours in the twenty-four, and provides a fine of ten dollars for violation of the same.

Justice Caton imposed the fine as required by the statute.

Mr. Clinedenst is said to have spent several days in this city recently in investigating working conditions in this city, and, after making his observations preferred the charge against the Alexandria firm.

Recently several cases similar to the above have been in the Police Court of Richmond and other cities in the commonwealth.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

Officers Elected at Last Night's Session.

Oriental Lodge, Knights of Pythias, held their semi-annual election of officers last night in Castle Hall, 117 north Pitt street. The officers elected are as follows: S. Elmer Norris, C. C.; C. O. Emerson, V. C., N. L. Reynolds, Prelate; G. C. Connors, M. at A.; W. F. O'Neil, I. G.; W. R. Humphries, O. G.; After the election of officers the lodge rehearsed the Knights Rank in a commentable manner.

On Tuesday, January 2nd, the officers for the ensuing term will be installed and an interesting program has been arranged. A committee has been appointed to serve refreshments. All the brethren are earnestly requested to be present and also to bring visiting brethren.

FATE OF SINKING BOAT

No Further Word From Steamer Maryland After Her Calls for Assistance.

Nantucket, Mass., Dec. 27—The radio stations at Siasconset and at Newport, R. I., listened in vain throughout yesterday and last night for further news from the steamer Maryland, which sent out distress calls late last night, saying she was sinking 380 miles east of Sandy Hook. The Coast Guard cutter Acushnet and Gresham were on the way to the steamer's aid, but were not expected to be able to reach the position given until tomorrow.

The schooner Roger Drury was sunk off Great Point, the schooner Daniel McLoud was stranded on the northern end of the rip off the point, and the British schooner Ravola was wrecked on the southern end of the rip, in a northwest gale, today. When the Roger Drury struck, her crew launched a small boat and landed safely. The crews of the Ravola and Daniel McLoud were brought ashore by coast guards.

Both the Ravola and Daniel McLoud are coal laden, bound from New Jersey ports to the eastward. Little hope of saving either was expressed. The Gresham was proceeding to the rescue of the three schooners when diverted to the Maryland.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to thank our friends and also the fire department for the assistance and kindness rendered during the fire at our home yesterday.
Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Williams.

LOST—On Christmas morning going to St. Mary's Church a pair wooden heads, with two crosses on them. Reward if returned to 703 King street. 302-3t

Alexandria City and Suburbs

Captain Fountain Beattie has returned from a pleasant trip to Florida

Mr. Lewis H. Machen, formerly of this city but now of Richmond, is visiting friends in this city.

The Christmas dance of the Junior German Club will be held Friday afternoon, from 4 to 6, in the auditorium of the Elks' Home when Santa Claus will be the guest of honor.

Miss Anna May Murray, of Norfolk, is the guest of her cousin, Miss Virginia Keith, at her home in George Washington Park. Mr. and Mrs. Clarrence R. Keith. will entertain this evening for their young daughter and her guest. The Alexandrians invited will leave on the 7:20 electric car for North Rosemont, the nearest stop to George Washington Park.

The committee in charge of the minstrel which is to be given by ministrel which is to be given by Seminole Tribe of Red Men, in the Alexandria Opera House on January 23 and 24, request all those who are to take part to meet in the Young Peoples Building on Friday evening, December 29, at 8 p. m. A full attendance is desired as the committee wishes to rehearse the entire program.

Miss Louise Abbott left this morning for New York to spend the remainder of the holidays with Lieut. and Mrs. Baylis.

Mrs. Charles Culin and Miss Margaret Culin, of Ogontz, Pa., are the guests of Mrs. Culin's brother, Mr. Robert S. Jones, at his home in North Washington street.

Mr. J. Ellis Norris, a native of Alexandria, but for several years the representative of R. G. Dun, in Havana, Cuba, is on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mark R. Norris, at their home in Prince street.

Miss Julia Benton Hopkins has issued invitations for a dance Thursday evening at the residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Hopkins, in north Washington St.

Mrs George A. Mushbach and her niece, Miss Katherine Gwinn, of Washington, and her nephew, Mr. Magruder Dent, of Richmond, will leave on Friday for a trip to Havana, Cuba, and Palm Beach, Florida.

Midshipman Stuart Waller King, of the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. King, at their home in Prince St.

Laura V. Burns, aged 49, died at her home, 1110 Prince street, last night. The funeral will occur tomorrow morning at St. Mary's Catholic church, interment in Mt. Olivet cemetery, Washington.

The funeral of Augustus Kraus, who died at the Alexandria city hospital on Monday, was held this afternoon at 3 o'clock at his late home at Cottage Park, Braddock. Rev.. Edgar Carpenter officiated.

The Sunday School Christmas celebration of the Payne Street Presbyterian Chapel will be held this evening at 7:30 o'clock. The celebration of the Second Preshyterian Sunday School will be held in the Church tomorrow, Thursday, evening at 7:30.

The holiday week has been a gala time for the future belles and beaux of Alexandria. Every evening something has been on the program for the younger set and the week of gaiety. will end Saturday evening with the first dance of the season of the Junior Assembly in the Elks' auditorium from 8 to 12. This organization gave a number of delightful dances last season but had not reorganized previously this season, owing to the majority of the members going to colleges and universities.

GERMAN THREAT?

Vatican Said to Have Known in Advance of Wilson's Move.

Montreal, Quebec, Dec. 27—Was there a German threat? Following is a Canadian view, by Victor E. Mitchell, K. C. (Montreal):

"In connection with President Wilson's latest note it is interesting to recall that no real explanation was ever given of Ambassador Gerard's somewhat unusual visit to the United States a few months ago.

"We know that before he left Germany he had an interview with the kaiser—he was especially summoned to the front for the purpose. While in the United States he had interviews with the German Ambassador as well as with the President and Mr. Lansing. For some time past the newspapers have been chronicling frequent conferences between Mr. Lansing and Count von Bernstorff.

"It seems also that at the Vatican it was known, before the President's notes were delivered to the belligerent governments, that some important action was about to be taken by the President, and that was given as a reason for the Pope's refusal to make any statement regarding Germany's peace proposals. The failure of the stock markets to cover when it became known that Germany's peace proposals were not satisfactory to the allies, clearly indicated that others besides the Pope knew of the contemplated action of the President.

"I do not insinuate for one moment that any highly placed official of the United States government took advantage of his knowledge to bear the market; but I do think there was a 'leak,' and to discover that leak we should look, in my opinion, to German rather than American sources.

"But that phase of the matter, while interesting, is not important. The President must know that no permanent and lasting peace can be made at the stage which the war has now reached.

"The allies cannot bargain with a murderer and an outlaw. Germany must be punished no matter at what cost for her guilt in bringing about a war, which, but for the heroic and stupendous sacrifices of the allies, would have set back civilization several hundred years and put the world under the heel of Germany, perhaps for centuries to come.

"The issue between the belligerents is clean cut. On which side is the President?"

NOTICE

The First National Bank
December 27th, 1916.

At a meeting of the board of directors held this day, the regular semi-annual dividend of six per cent (6 per cent) and an extra dividend of 3 per cent were declared, payable on or after January 1st, 1917.

GEO. E. WARFIELD, Cashier.

When in Washington and hungry, stop at Schneider's Restaurant 12th street opposite Raleigh.

MOVEMENTS FOR PEACE

Berlin, Dec. 27—All of the three Scandinavian countries and Holland are about to fall in line with the United States in the effort to bring the belligerents together at a peace conference, according to reports received today from various sources.

The Berner Tageblatt says there is a rumor that the three Scandinavian governments will immediately hold a conference to discuss ways and means for furthering the peace agitation and prevailing upon the warring powers to state their respective conditions.

The Neueve Zuricher Zeitung reports from The Hague that Holland will probably issue a note similar to that sent by Holland.

Amsterdam, Dec. 27—"If the allies are willing to state their terms of peace, we are ready to state ours.

"The manner of communicating them is of secondary consideration We will go more than half way to bring about an exchange. But an exchange it must be, simultaneous and in good faith.

"In no circumstance will we lay our cards open on the table unless the entente shows its hand at the same time."

Couched in the friendliest language at the disposal of diplomacy, that in substance will be the central power's answer to President Wilson's note, according to confidential advices from Berlin.

Alfred Zimmermann, Germany's new secretary of foreign affairs, Sunday night had dinner with Emperor William. It is understood that on this occasion, the Kaiser gave the pilot of his empire's foreign policies a clear outline of what should be the reply to President Wilson's "get-together message."

That reply, however, will not be Germany's alone. It will be the answer of all the central powers, though the German government may, as in the case of the peace proposal, act as the spokesman.

Rome, Dec. 27—Pope Benedict made a plea for peace in his address at the Christmas reception to the sacred college. Referring to the message of Bethlehem the Pope said that "good will among men was the essential condition toward obtaining that just and durable peace which must put an end to the horrors of the present war."

The Pope urged those in power to hear the voice of the sacred college appealing to them to arrest the destruction of the peoples and to open their ears to the admonition "of the father of the Christian family seeking to pave the way to justice and peace."

Pope Benedict, according to report in speaking to Cardinal Gasparri, papal secretary of state, regarding President Wilson's note to the belligerents, said recently:

"It is a document showing the honesty, justice and far-sightedness of the American President."

DR. BERRY ENTERTAINS

Gives Holiday Party at His Home

Dr. Vivian P. Berry entertained at one of the most delightful of the holiday parties Christmas night at his home in south Washington street. Mr. and Mrs. George Smoot French were the chaperones. Dr. Berry's other guests were little Miss Margaret Reed French, Miss Clarence Brent Snowden, Miss Mary Windsor Snowden, Miss Mary Lindsey, Miss Katherine Carroll Waller, Miss Mary Phillips, Miss Delia Phillips, Miss Christina McArthur Kemper, Miss Elsie Snowden, Miss Edith Snowden, Miss Julia Nicol, Miss Mary Louise Nicol and Miss Blanche Ransdell. Dr. H. Clifton King, of Washington, Mr. Charles Randolph, Mr. Edward Stabler Fawcett, Mr George Brent, Mr. Charles Page Waller, Jr., Mr. William H.T. Brooke, Mr, V. Ward Boswell, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Douglass Lindsey and Mr. Windsor Snowden.

DELIGHTFUL ENTERTAINMENT.

Given by Miss Collins McKay Jones.

Miss Collins McKay Jones entertained at a most enjoyable card dance Saturday evening at the home of her father, Mr Robert S. Jones, in north Washington street. The young people were chaperoned by Mrs. Charles Culin, of Ogontz, Pa., Miss Constance Boush, Miss Fanny Dixon, Miss Mamie Graham, Mrs. Robert South Barrett and Mr. Jones. Decorations were in keeping with the Christmas season. The dining room was festooned with red bells swinging from ropes of red and green, and the refreshments carried out the holidays spirit. The music was excellent and the young people had a delightful evening. The dancers were Miss Margaret Culin, of Ogontz, Pa., Miss Eleanor Buckman, of Woodlawn, Miss Grace Fox, Miss Mary Fox, Miss Elsie Brown, Miss Margaret Rohrer, and Miss Isabelle Stabler, of Washington, Miss Mary Bell Gill, of Baltimore, Miss Isabel Boswell, Miss Sarah Cox, Miss Fortune Kirkpatrick, Miss Nina Carlin Fulton, Miss Mary Hunt Roberts, Miss Elizabeth Boothe, Miss Hilda Schneider, Miss Julia Benton Hopkins, Miss Carol Leadbeater, Miss Marie Gasson, Miss Sarah Kemper and Miss Lucy Anderson. Mr. Neal Franklin, of Bethesda, Md., Mr. Francis Stetson, Mr. Charles Jones, Mr. Roger Whittaker, Mr. Billy Pennebaker, Mr. Laurence Stabler, and Mr. Henning Nelms, of Washington. Mr. Thomas L. Wattles, Mr. John M. Leadbeater, Mr. Tupper Barrett, Mr. Waller Barrett, Mr. Albert Bryan, Jr., Mr. Chester Pierce, Mr. Edwin Pierce, Mr. Albert Ansley Smoot, Mr. Brouse Burke, Mr. Clarence Robinson, Mr. Alan McKay Lindsey, Mr. Charles Bruce Morton, 2nd, Mr. Edward Oliver and Mr Gardner L. Boothe, 2nd.

Mr. Sidney Hamersley was operated upon Saturday night at the Alexandria Hospital by Drs. S. B. Moore, R. J. Yates and T. P. Dodd.

BELOW ZERO IN WEST

Coldest Weather of Winter Grips Various States— Los Angeles Has Sixth Snow Storm in 40 Years.

San Francisco, Dec. 27—Far Western States were in the grip yesterday of the coldest weather of the winter, and snow fell in Los Angeles for the sixth time in 40 years. In Helena, Mont., thermometers registered 29 degrees below zero. There was more than a foot of snow in Eastern Washington and Montana, and transcontinental trains were running behind schedule. A man was found frozen to death in Washington, having separated from companions while on a trapping expedition. Southwestern Nevada is experiencing zero weather. In the mountains of Fresno county, Cal., the snow fall yesterday was four feet.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Dec. 27 — More than 12 inches of snow has fallen in Utah within 24 hours, breaking all previous storm records. Overland trains have been delayed many hours and street-car traffic in Salt Lake City is at a standstill.

Sioux Falls, N. D., Dec. 27.—The worst storm is years is raging over the western and central parts of the State tonight, according to reports here. A heavy gale is drifting the snow, which fell early today, and railroad traffic is badly crippled. Aberdeen, S. D., reported a snowfall of 12 inches yesterday.

Bismark, N. D., Dec. 27—A blizzard with a snowfall of 17 inches yesterday broke the record of the fall during the great blizzard 20 years ago last November, In the wake of the 36-mile gale carrying the blizzard is a zero wave.

Denver, Col., Dec. 27.—Low temperatures were recorded in the Rocky Mountain region yesterday. Moden, in Southern Utah, reported the lowest temperature, 24 degrees below zero. It was 20 below at Cheyenne, Wyo.

STRANGLED IN HIS CRIB

Baby Caught His Head Between Bars and Was Dead When Found.

Philadelphia, Dec. 27—His head becoming caught in the bars of his crib, William Whealan, 9 months old, of No. 3818 Pulaski avenue, was strangled to death on Sunday, according to a report made to Deputy Coroner Joseph Ward. The baby had been asleep in the crib and his parents were busy making ready to celebrate Christmas, Ward said. When the child's mother went into the bedroom to see if he was still asleep she was horrified to find the child's head caught between the bars. A physician was summoned, but although he worked over the little form for more than an hour he failed to bring life back to it. The mother is prostrated.

THROWS OPEN JAIL

North Carolina Governor Gives Convicts Freedom for Day.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 25—Twenty-nine hundred prisoners in State and county camps yesterday took the first of their three holidays for the week, and only one declined the parole home. All trusties were allowed without surveillance to spend Christmas in their homes. John Sinclair, the solitary prisoner remaining within the walls, declared he would serve out his sentence before going home.

Six hundred and fifteen of them carried $10 checks home to their relatives, contributions made at the instance of Governor Craig, who ordered the holiday for the second time. The governor announced that he is personally responsible for the contribution, and if the State will not authorize the donation made without warrant he will refund it

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express my sincere thanks to the firemen and those who rendered such timely assistance at the fire which occurred yesterday. It was greatly appreciated
202-1t Mrs. Wm. Rodgers.

NOTICE

Nobles who wish me to write for 1917 cards can leave their names and addresses at Noble E. Warfield's, corner King and Pitt streets. E. E. DOWNHAM, 302-6t

STEPS TOWARD PEACE

Germany's Reply Regarded in Some Quarters as Advancing Movement For Ending War.

Germany's reply to President Wilson's note is regarded here as having advanced the peace movement another step, despite the fact that it disappoints in not meeting his suggestion for an avowal of terms.

The reception Germany's reply receives among the Entente Allies, whose statesmen have publicly declared against such a program, now becomes the point upon which a further move is hinged. The German note probably is the prelude to a series of carefully considered delicate moves in the great game of world diplomacy, all possibly leading to an approach for a real discussion of peace terms on grounds which all the belligerents may feel can place them at no disadvantage.

This is the official view of Germany's reply, so far as it has been formulated on the basis of the unofficial text.

Neutral diplomatic quarters, too, regarded the note as a step toward peace, and rather leaned to the view that Germany would follow it with a confidential communication of some sort outlining her terms.

The view of the Entente Ally embassies, frankly expressed, was that the note was not an answer to President Wilsons communication, but rather a document for circulation in Germany and in neutral countries with the object of moulding opinion to place the responsibility for continuing the war on the Entente.

Among the Germanic diplomats the only view expessed was one of surprise that the reply had preceded receipt of the Entente Allies' response to Germany's original peace proposal of December 12.

It was everywhere agreed that the principal sticking point was the lack of a definite statement of terms such as President Wilson asked and such as Lloyd-George declared the Allies would require if they were not to put their "heads in a noose with the rope end in the hands of the Germans." It is not beyond the realm of diplomacy, however, to find a way to bridge that difficulty, and Germany's failure is not regarded as a block to the negotiations, although it makes them exceedingly difficult.

Death of Miss Julia A. Thompson.

The funeral of Miss Julia Howard Thompson, cousin of Mrs. George Hamilton Cook, of Baltimore, who died from pneumonia Christmas Day, took place this afternoon from Christ Protestant Episcopal Church, Baltimore. The pallbearers were Charles Goldsborough, James A. Gray, jr., Dr. John Burke, of Washington; Taylor Burke, of Alexandria, Va.; James E. Steuart, John Glenn, jr., Francis N. Iglehart and Samuel P. Morton.

Born in Chillicothe, Ohio, 63 years ago, Miss Thompson was brought to Baltimore when an infant. She was the daughter of the late Samuel P. and Jane James Thompson. Her father was at the time of his death City Collector of Baltimore. Thomas James, one of the earliest settlers and leading men of Ohio, was her grandfather, and through him she was a lineal descendant of Ensign Thomas Savage, who came to Virginia in the ship John and Francis in 1607 with a number of settlers under Capt. Christopher North. Most of Miss Thompson's life was spent in Baltimore, but in the last few years she was in Virginia with relatives a large part of the time.

Miss Thompson was a woman of rare beauty of character. For many years she devoted herself to church work, and was most helpful in all its activities. Her personality was one of unusual goodness and charm and her memory will be cherished by all who came within her influence.

Among her close surviving relatives besides Mrs. Cook, are Mrs. Gertrude Waller Massie, of Virginia; Mrs. Malvern C. Patterson, of Richmond, Va.; and the children of the late Julian T. Burke, of Alexandria, Va., all cousins.

Lynnhaven Bay Oysters on Half Shell, Pint or Gallon. Jacob Brill, Foot King Street.

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PEACE STILL AFAR.

There is much peace talk, but, so far as can be seen, there is none in sight. The principal papers of the United States and Europe abound in editorials on the outlook, but nothing tangible can be gathered after reading these productions. It is highly probable the united allies and the central powers are keeping their purpose to themselves, and all the speculations as what this or that country has up its sleeve are useless. We can only await a time with patience, for the outcome.

The Philadelphia Record suggests that the Ertente Powers show no evidence of exhaustion; they have not been talking peace for 15 month;they believe that while they have so far suffered from lack of preparedness for this war, they have now mobilized all their military and civil resources, and are on the point of scoring important military successes. In this state of mind they are not likely to acceede to conditions based upon the present military position of their enemies.

The Richmond Times-Dispatch believes Germany will be forced to be moderate in her demands and generous in her concessions, for her supply of foodstuffs is running short.She has exhausted not only her reserve supplies of food, but her reserves of soil fertility, and under existing circumstances it is as difficult to replenish one as it is to replenish the other. Before the winter ends, there will be such a food scarcity as will pass discomfort and threaten life. In view of these facts, German arrogance would be ridiculous, and the allies can well afford to match terms.

STRANGER'S PROTEST.

A quiet citizen of Maine spent Monday in Richmond. Yesterday he sent the following to a paper of that city:

"Pardon a stranger's curiosity in seeking explanation of the hell on earth, sleepless nights element of the Southern observance of Christmas. Why the incongruous combination of Fourth of July and Christ Has Risen?"

Had our friend from Maine spent the day in Alexandria he would have been spared his terrible experience. The Gazette has for many years entered its protest against the wild orgies supposed to be the natural outcome of the celebration of Christmas. The movement for a safe and sane observance of the day has gradually spread over the country, until at present laws are on the statute books forbidding all explosions and unnecessary noise in most cities.

Washington a few years ago was a veritable pandemonium on Christmas and Fourth of July. Every human device calculated to make noise was used on these occasions, while fish horns were kept going all the day. The writer was walking through the Smithsonian grounds on Christmas Day many years ago when he met half a dozen men, animated by stimulants more than religious frenzy, bearing a tin horn literally as large as a lamp post. They were looking for a blacksmith's bellow to sound the horn.

The Commissioners of the District of Columbia eventually issued orders to the police to put a stop to all such doings, on any day of the year, and horn-blowing and explosions are no longer heard.

Their example has been followed by many other cities, and all quiet people rejoice in the new order of things.

EFFECTS OF INFLUXES.

"Curtis Bay, with its rapidly increasing population, due to industrial developments, is in danger of becoming a second Hopewell—vicious, lawless and menacing!" And conditions are causing uneasiness in Baltimore.

An official asks:

"What is the matter with the churches? To bring about a reform they must get busy. Upon the citizenship falls the responsibility for the tone of a community; the officials of the county can make no headway, even when they want to, unless they have behind them the approval and active co-operation of the best class of citizens."

Conditions at Curtis Bay are similar to those which follow the sudden immigration of miscellaneous hordes which follow in the wake of prosperity. Hopewell has long been an eyesore in Virginia, and Baltimore is experiencing the result of the sudden influx of people from different quarters of the compass, who bring their manners and customs with them. During the four years' civil war Alexandria was called upon to pass through a simflar experience. People from nearly every quarter of the country alighted on Alexandria, doubling the population in a short time. They, too, brought their manners and customs. Should Alexandria be given a sudden impetus we might expect a repetition of war time scenes.

NAVAL DEMONSTRATION

Plans for a great naval demonstration to signalize American acquisition of the Danish West Indies, are being considered by State and Navy Department officials. Probably the entire Atlantic Fleet will be ordered to St. Thomas, the long-sought naval base site, to participate in the celebration.

Minister Brun, of Denmark, has formally advised the State Department that the treaty for the sale of the islands had been approved by King Christian, and would be dispatched from Copenhagen, December 30.

The acquisition by the United States of the Danish West Indies, has been a long-cherished dream. Balked by foreign powers often when apparently the purchase was assured, this nation has waited a time with patience when no one attempts to thwart it. The United States now owns or governs the most important islands in the Atlantic and the Pacific.

INFLUX OF CROOKS

The United States is overrun with European crooks, some of them the smoothest thieves on the continent. This influx is said to be the result of the war, which has made theft hardly worth while on a big scale across the water.

Within the past twelve months Europe it is alleged has been sending over some of the cleverest jewel thieves this country has ever seen, and they have only come here when it was clear that robbery as a profession was up against hard times abroad until the war was over.

These crooks saw, at the close of the first year of the war, that the big conflict had put them out of the running, simply because it had placed a ban on extravagant functions in European society. Additionally, the habit of thrift is forcing itself upon all classes of European society now and the wearing of more than the simplest assortment of jewelry at afternoon and evening affairs is considered almost bad taste.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

A bomb that would have blown the house to atoms, was found at the corner of Gov. William Spry's residence at Salt Lake City, Monday, The temperature was not low enough to cause an explosion. The plot is believed to have been the work of I. W. W.'s, who have repeatedly threatened, and it is charged, tried to wreak vengeance on the governor for his refusal to prevent the execution of Joe Hillstrom. Gov. Spry had been attending the governor's conferenee in Washington and was due home Sunday. On account of the snowstorms, however, he did not arrive until the next day.

After an all-day search through isolated sections of Webster parish, near Minden, La., members of a posse formed Monday morning to search for the murders of John N. Reeves, his wife and young child arrived that night at Minden, with three heavily manacled colored men. The prisoners were placed in jail and an armed guard stationed about the building to prevent mob violence. Reeves, according to several of his neighbors, did not believe in banks, and it was said had openly boasted he kept $4,000 locked in a tool chest in his house, and was "prepared to defend it with hot lead." The tool chest was found, with the lock broken off.

With a bullet from a Christmas-gift rifle, in his brain, Thomas F. Hogan, 15 years old, died Monday in Franklin Square Hospital in Baltimore and Stephen Suwalski, aged 16, who shot him, was in a cell at the Northwestern Police Station. The police believe the shooting was accidental, but Suwalski was locked up on a charge of assaulting and shooting Hogan. Suwalski said he was on the back porch of his home, shooting at bottles and tin cans with his new rifle, and that Hogan, with an air rifle he had received for Christmas, was on a hill behind the house. Hogan, he said, pointed his gun at him, and he in turn aimed his gun at Hogan. It was all "in fun," he said. A little while later they did it again, and as he was taking his rifle down from his shoulder, Suwaiski, said, it went off and Hogan fell. "I didn't even know it was loaded," declared Suwaiski.

Newspaper comment in Tokyo indicates that the reply of the allies to President Wilson's note will be marked by the following characteristics: 1. It will be courteous but firm in tone. 2. It will reiterate the principles contained in the speech of Premier Lloyd George in the British Parliament one week ago yesterday. 3. It will reaffirm of the solidarity of the entente. Japan is in full accord with her allies in the determination to continue the war until Germany asks for peace terms not as a victor but as the vanquished

Kicked and beaten once each week regularly for the last ten years has been the lot of Mrs Minnie Plantz, of Milwaukee, if her divorce complaint does not exaggerate allegations of cruel and inhuman treatment on the part of William Plantz, who, she further avers, has given her only $3 in the last thirteen months. Paul Bocskal recites how he went to Milwaukee from Hungary in 1907 to make his fortune, meeting with such success that he sent for his wife, Anna, several years later But she refused, saying that she would not join him if all of America was given her, Paul alleges in his divorce complaint, another man holding her affections there since 1911.

"Death Crossing" claimed three more victims late Monday, when Nicheli Romano and his sister, Victoria and her fiance, Leno Clori, were killed at Ford street, Norristown, Pa. The party was returning in a wagon from the home of a friend with whom they had spent Christmas. The tragedy was caused because the watchman at the crossing had left his post.

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Mount Vernon, N. Y., Dec. 27.—Frank DeWitt, of Stevens avenue, East Orange, N. J., was killed and four other persons injured Monday when an automobile in which they were riding was run into by a truck on the Boston Post road, at New Rochelle.

William Gleitzman had purchased a touring car of Mr. DeWitt as a Christmas present for his wife and they were out testing the machine. While driving from New Rochelle to Mount Vernon, they tried to pass a motor truck, which was going in the same direction. DeWitt, who was at the wheel, sounded his horn and the driver of the truck turned to the right and crashed the motorcar against the curb, wrecking it. All the passengers were thrown out. DeWitt was thrown under the wheels of the heavier car and instantly killed. None of the other passengers were seriously hurt.

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BLUE WORKER A SUICIDE

Chemical Maker Sticks Revolver in Mouth and Dies.

Chester, Pa. Dec. 27—Despondent Pedro Adams, 38, a Cuban, committed suicide Monday, at the Maple Heights Hotel, Linwood Heights, by shooting with a revolver. Adams had been acting in a peculiar manner, and leaving the hotel this morning, went to a Marcus Hook store and purchased a revolver and cartridges.

Returning to the hotel hallway, he placed the pistol in his mouth and pulled the trigger. His death was instantaneous. Deputy Coroner Cloud took charge of the body. Adams was employed by the Benzol Products Company.

HANGS HIMSELF IN PUBLIC.

Man Commits Suicide in Hotel Lobby With Christmas Box Cord.

Duluth, Dec. 27.—With a cord taken from another man's Christmas package, Gust Nelson, 55 years old, hanged himself early Monday morning in the lobby of a hotel, while five men stood by waiting for the police to arrive. Nelson is said to have been despondent because he was alone on Christmas Eve and without funds.

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One Man Has Skull Fractured When Machine Turns Over Near Spencer, North Carolina.

Spencer, N. C. Dec. 27.—Baldy Miller, a member of the Salisbury fire department, is in a local sanatorium with his skull crushed and Jersy Thompson and two women are at their home in Salisbury slightly injured as a result of a midnight auto accident near Spencer Sunday night.

The four occupied a two-passenger roadster which turned turtle in the road. No hope is entertained for Miller, who is said to have been driving the car. The party was returning from Davidson county.

Mark Edgar Lokey, a native of Elkton, Rockingham county, is dead in Youngstown, Ohio, and his wife, is in jail under suspicion of killing him. Lokey is a brother of Thomas R. Lokey, a merchant of Harrisonburg, and Mrs. Lokey, it is said was Miss Dora A. Smith, of Harrisonburg, before her marriage. Two sons by a former marriage are in Virginia. The shooting occurred Saturday. Lokey was a telephone lineman. He was a son of the late Andrew Lokey, of Elkton.

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Was Born in Germany and Headed Grand Rapids Diocese.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 27— The Rt. Rev. Henry J. Richter, bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Grand Rapids died here at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon of pneumonia.

Bishop Henry Joseph Richter was born at Neuenkirchen, Germany, April 9, 1838, and came to the United States in 1854. In 1860 he went to Rome, where for five years he studied in the American College.

He was consecrated a bishop in April, 1883, and immediately took up the administration the Grand Rapids diocese. Before coming to Grand Rapids he was prominently identified with Catholic church affairs in Cincinnati.

Funeral services will be held at St. Andrews Cathedral, where the bishop was consecrated, Friday morning at 10 o'clock, Archbishops and bishops of all the Middle Western States are expected to be here for the obsequies.

Coadjutor Bishop Michael J. Gallagher, of this city, becomes bishop of the Grand Rapids diocese.

WILSON'S OVERTURES

German Opinion of Peace Note Changes in a Few Hours.

Berlin, Dec. 27.—German opinion of President Wilson's peace note has veered almost over night. It is no longer regarded as inopportune and an impediment to Germany's own peace efforts as perhaps an attempt to bring about settlement earlier in the war might have been considered.

On the contrary, responsible circles are now inclined to regard the President's proposition as of great help to Berlin at the present stage.

Although the speeches of Pokrowski, Briand and Lloyd George—especially that of the latter—are regarded in Germany generally as affronting and detrimental to peace overtures, the parties on the left and government wings have decided to wait for an official answer before taking action.

If the reply of the entente nations offers the possibility of Germany's entering peace negotiations without humiliation it will not be rejected.

GERMANY'S PEACE HINT.

Answer to President Wilson's Note Regarded as Significant.

Amsterdam, Dec. 27.—Germany's answer to President Wilson's note, made public yesterday, is nothing short of a hint for an invitation from a neutral country to all the belligerents to send delegates to a neutral capital for an informal or formal conference at which the peace terms may be discussed. The hint is discussed in this paragraph of the central powers' reply:

"It (the imperial government) begs therefore in the sense of the declaration made December 12, which offered a hand for peace negotiations, to propose an immediate meeting of delegates of the belligerent states at a neutral place."

The answer finishes with the usual terms of diplomatic etiquette. It was handed to Ambassador Gerard yesterday.

As was predicted, the central powers did not state their terms. Nor are they willing in any circumstances to state them except directly to the entente. It can not be emphasized too strongly that the central powers are unfriendly to mediation.

That was made clear a few days ago by Baron von Dem Busche Haddenhausen, the new undersecretary for foreign affairs, when in a semi-official interview he stated that the bringing about of peace was solely the affair of the belligerents.

The safeguarding of peace in the future is a matter regarded by the central powers as absolutely distinct and separate from the conclusion of this war. And they are willing that in this the United States, and possibly all other neutrals, should take an important part. The reason for this is their strong belief that the neutrals, particularly the United States, take a vital interest in Germany's pet aim: the freedom of the seas, the safeguarding of which by ironclad international convention would preclude the repetition of the blockade.

Political observers here who are well informed of the aims of Germany's peace diplomacy last night expressed the conviction that Wilhemstrasse, as the result of yesterday's note, looks forward to an invitation from one or several neutral countries to both sets of belligerents to send delegates to talk over informally the conditions of peace, and thus pave the way for a formal conference.

Information from an absolutely trustworthy source indicates that Spain is about to extend this invitation. It is pointed out that the Spanish government has deliberately held aloof from all previous official and unofficial exchanges of views regarding peace, awaiting a tangible suggestion from either side. This is now offered in today's note from the central powers, it is argued.

JOFFRE WILL BE MARSHALL

Rank, Long in Disuse, to be Conferred in Recognition of Services.

Paris, Dec. 27.—The government has decided to raise General Joffre to the dignity of marshal of France in recognition of his eminent services to the country. A decree nominating him will be submitted for the ratification of parliament as soon as possible.

The title of marshal of France has fallen into disuse since the establishment of the third republic. A bill, in 1873, regulating the army grades, retained the rank, but specified that the conditions under which it could be conferred should be fixed by a supplementary bill. That bill, however, has never been proceeded with.

VIRGINIA NEWS

His wrist shackled with handcuffs to which was attached a heavy five-foot chain, Samuel Evans, colored, was led from police headquarters in Baltimore to a car for Union Station, yesterday afternoon by Daniel F. O'Neill, assistant superintendent of the Virginia State Penitentiary at Richmond. Evans was arrested for escaping from a convict roads gang in Virginia.

While endeavoring to make her way from a pier into the channel at the Norfolk navy yard late yesterday afternoon, the Atlantic fleet tender Sonoma, a powerful sea-going tug, rammed and badly damaged the sterm of the battleship Delaware. A hole 6 feet in diameter was stove in the starboard of the Deleware's stern, above the water line. The Sonoma was working her way out amidst a fleet of 20 odd ships, when she struck the battleship a full blow at half speed. The armor plate at the stern is not so thick as on the sides of the ship and was pierced by the tug's sharp nose.

FOR WILSON BY 568,822

Country Gave President Total Vote of 9,116,296.

New York, Dec. 27—Complete official returns on the Presidential election show that Mr. Wilson received 9,116,296 votes, and Mr. Hughes 8,547,474, plurality of 568,822 for Mr. Wilson.

In 1912, Wilson (Democrat), received 6,293, 019; Taft (Republican), 3,484,956, and Roosevelt (Progressive), 4,119,507.

The vote for Mr. Benson, Socialist candidate for President, was 750,000 with eight missing States estimated, against 901,873 for Debs (Socialist), in 1912, and for Mr. Hanly, Prohibitionist candidate, 225,101, against 207,938 for Chafin (Prohibitionist), 1912.

The total popular vote for the four candidates was 18,638,871, as against 15,007,282 in 1912 This is an increase of 3,631,589, accounted for by the increased population and the votes of women in the new suffrage states.

LEGAL NOTICE.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The Smoot Sand and Gravel Corporation proposes to reduce its maximum authorized capital stock from three hundred thousand dollars to thirty thousand dollars, and the amount of its stock actually issued and outstanding from three hundred thousand dollars to thirty thousand dollars.

The stock now issued and outstanding, having a par value of three hundred thousand dollars, will be turned in and cancelled and in lieu thereof one share will be issued to the stockholders for each ten shares cancelled.

L. E. SMOOT, President.
Attest: J. A. Saltsman, Secretary.
December 14-19-26.

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Beginning at a locust stake which is North 1 degree 47' 30" East 38 feet and North 88 degrees 12' 30" West 24 feet from the stake at the southwest corner of the property which by deed dated December 4, 1911, and recorded in Deed Book 131, page 459 of the land records of Alexandria County, Virginia, was conveyed by Robert Elliott to Mary T. Lukens; thence parallel with said Lukens' West line south 1 degree 47' 30" West 72.41 feet to a locust stake; thence North 88 degrees 12' 30" West 110 feet to a locust stake; thence North 1 degree 47' 30" East 72.41 feet to a locust stake; thence South 88 degrees 12' 30" East 110 feet to the beginning, containing 7,965 square feet agreeably to a survey thereof made October 1, 1913 by George E. Garrett Surveyor, and being part of Villa Site No 16 on the plat of the Northwest Alexandria Improvement Company of record in the land records of Alexandria County in Deed Book U, No. 4, page 60, and which was conveyed to the said Robert Elliott by the Northwest Alexandria Improvement Company by deed dated April 14, 1905, recorded in Deed Book 111, page 153 of the land records of said County.

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The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Alexandria Iron Works will be held at the office, corner Wilkes and Royal streets, Alexandria, Virginia, December 30th, 1916, at 8.30 a. m. By order of the president.

A. S. MANKIN, Secretary.
292 td.

NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the members of the Independent Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Fairfax county, Va., will be held at the Company's office, Royal and Prince Streets, in Alexandria, Va., Monday, January 8, 1917, at ten o'clock A. M.

WALTER ROBERTS, President.
295-td

NOTICE ANNUAL MEETING

The Citizens National Bank
Alexandria, Va.
December 9th 1916.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank, will be held at the Banking House, on Tuesday, January the 9th, 1917., between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 1 p. m., for the election of directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting.

RICHARD M. GREEN, Cashier.
288-4w.

ALEXANDRIA NATIONAL BANK

ALEXANDRIA, VA., December 9, 1916—The annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank will be held at its banking house on Tuesday, the 9th day of January 1917, at 12 o'clock noon, for the election of directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

J. L. PERRY, Cashier,
288-td.

NOTICE

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Iowa Apartment House Company for the election of a Board of Directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of other business, will be held at No. 107 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Va., January 9th 1917 at 10 o'clock A. M.

CHARLES D. WALCOTT, Pres.
A. M. McLACHLEN, Secretary.
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NOTICE ANNUAL MEETING

First National Bank,
Alexandria, Virginia,
December 9th, 1916.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of this Bank will be held at the banking house on Tuesday, January 9th, 1917, at eleven o'clock, a. m., for the election of Directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

GEORGE E. WARFIELD,
Cashier.
289-td.

NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE—That the undersigned will, on the 16th day of January, 1917, or as soon thereafter as his application may be heard, make application to the Corporation Court of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, for license to order, purchase or receive pure grain, ethyl or pure fruit alcohol, for the use of the laboratory of the Alexandria Fertilizer and Chemical Company in the City of Alexandria, Virginia, not to be used contrary to the provisions of chapter 146 of the Acts of Assembly of Virginia of 1916.

D. MILTON FRENCH,
Chemist in charge of Laboratory.
Dec 23-30-Jan.-6.

NOTICE

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Ontario Apartment House Company for the election of a board of Directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of other business, will be held at No. 107 North Fairfax St., Alexandria, Va., January 9th, 1917, at 10:30 o'clock A. M.

CHARLES D. WALCOTT, Pres.
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NOTICE

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the McLachlen Banking Corporation for the election of a Board of Directors for the ensuing years and the transaction of other business, will be held at No. 107 North Fairfax St., Alexandria, Va., January 9th, 1917, at 11 o'clock A. M.

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